



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Commission on Children



104 Books Every Child Should Read

Recommended by the New York Public Library, with additions from the Connecticut State Library.

1. **Abuela** by Arthur Dorros. Illustrated by Elisa Kleven. Dutton.
2. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** by Judith Viorst. Illustrated by Ray Cruz. Atheneum.
3. **Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing** by Judi Barrett. Illustrated by Ron Barrett. Atheneum.
4. **Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock** by Eric A. Kimmel. Illustrated by Janet Stevens. Holiday House.
5. **Andy and the Lion** by James Daugherty. Viking.
6. **Benny Bakes a Cake** by Eve Rice. Greenwillow.
7. **Ben's Trumpet** by Rachel Isadora. Greenwillow.
8. **Blueberries for Sal** by Robert McCloskey. Viking.
9. **The Bossy Gallito**: a traditional Cuban folk tale retold by Lucia M. Gonzalez. Illustrated by Lulu Delacre. Scholastic.
10. **Bread and Jam for Frances** by Russell Hoban. Illustrated by Lillian Hoban. HarperCollins.
11. **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin Jr. Illustrated by Eric Carle. Holt.
12. **Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys and Their Monkey Business** by Esphyr Slobodkina. HarperCollins.
13. **The Carrot Seed** by Ruth Krauss. Illustrated by Crockett Johnson. HarperCollins.
14. **A Chair for My Mother** by Vera B. Williams. Greenwillow.

15. **The Chick and the Duckling** translated from the Russian of V. Suteyev by Mirra Ginsburg. Illustrated by Jose & Ariane Aruego. Macmillan.
16. **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom** by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault. Illustrated by Lois Ehlert. Simon & Schuster.
17. **Corduroy** by Don Freeman. Viking.
18. **Curious George** by H. A. Rey. Houghton.
19. **The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash** by Trinka H. Noble. Illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Dial.
20. **Dear Zoo** by Rod Campbell. Simon & Schuster.
21. **Doctor De Soto** by William Steig. Farrar.
22. **Farmer Duck** by Martin Waddell. Illustrated by Helen Oxenbery. Candlewick Press.
23. **The Fortune-Tellers** by Lloyd Alexander. Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Dutton.
24. **Freight Train** by Donald Crews. Greenwillow.
25. **George and Martha** by James Marshall. Houghton.
26. **Go Away, Big Green Monster!** by Ed Emberley. Little, Brown.
27. **Good Night, Gorilla** by Peggy Rathmann. Putnam.
28. **Goodnight Moon** by Margaret W. Brown. Illustrated by Clement Hurd. HarperCollins.
29. **Grandfather's Journey** by Allen Say. Houghton.
30. **Happy Birthday, Moon** by Frank Asch. Simon & Schuster.
31. **Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson. HarperCollins.
32. **Harry the Dirty Dog** by Gene Zion. Illustrated by Margaret Graham. HarperCollins.
33. **Henny Penny** illustrated by Paul Galdone. Clarion.
34. **Horton Hatches the Egg** by Dr. Seuss. Random House.
35. **I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly** illustrated by Glen Rounds. Holiday House.
36. **I Went Walking** by Sue Williams. Illustrated by Julie Vivas. Harcourt.
37. **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura J. Numeroff. Illustrated by Felicia Bond. HarperCollins.
38. **Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue? An Adventure in Color** by Tana Hoban. Greenwillow.

39. **It Could Always Be Worse: A Yiddish Folktale** retold and illustrated by Margot Zemach. Farrar.
40. **John Henry** by Julius Lester. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Dial.
41. **The Judge: An Untrue Tale** by Harve Zemach. Illustrated by Margot Zemach. Viking.
42. **Julius** by Angela Johnson. Illustrated by Dav Pilkey. Orchard.
43. **Komodo!** by Peter Sís. Greenwillow.
44. **Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus. Illustrated by Jose Aruego. HarperCollins.
45. **Little Blue and Little Yellow** by Leo Lionni. Astor-Honor.
46. **The Little Dog Laughed and Other Nursery Rhymes** by Lucy Cousins. Dutton.
47. **The Little Old Lady who Was Not Afraid of Anything** by Linda Williams. Illustrated by Megan Lloyd. HarperCollins.
48. **Little Red Riding Hood** retold and illustrated by Paul Galdone. McGraw-Hill.
49. **Lunch** by Denise Fleming. Holt.
50. **Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile** by Bernard Waber. Houghton.
51. **Madeline** by Ludwig Bemelmans. Viking.
52. **Maisie Goes Swimming** by Lucy Cousins. Little, Brown.
53. **Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McCloskey. Viking.
54. **Martha Calling** by Susan Meddaugh. Houghton.
55. **Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel** by Virginia L. Burton. Houghton.
56. **Millions of Cats** by Wanda Gág. Putnam.
57. **Miss Nelson Is Missing** by Harry Allard and James Marshall. Illustrated by James Marshall. Houghton.
58. **Mr. Gumpy's Outing** by John Burningham. Holt.
59. **The Monkey and the Crocodile** retold and illustrated by Paul Galdone. Clarion.
60. **Monkey Face** by Frank Asch. Parents' Magazine Press.
61. **Morris's Disappearing Bag** by Rosemary Wells. Dial.
62. **Mouse Paint** by Ellen S. Walsh. Harcourt.
63. **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale** retold and illustrated by John Steptoe. Lothrop.

64. **Mushroom in the Rain** adapted from the Russian of V. Suteyev by Mirra Ginsburg. Illustrated by Jose Aruego and Ariane Dewey. Simon & Schuster.
65. **The Napping House** by Audrey Wood. Illustrated by Don Wood. Harcourt.
66. **Officer Buckle and Gloria** by Peggy Rathmann. Putnam.
67. **Old Black Fly** by Jim Aylesworth. Illustrated by Stephen Gammell. Holt.
68. **Over in the Meadow** by John Langstaff. Illustrated by Feodor Rojankovsky. Harcourt.
69. **Owen** by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow.
70. **Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me** by Eric Carle. Simon & Schuster.
71. **Perez and Martina** by Pura Belpré. Illustrated by Carlos Sanchez. Viking.
72. **Pierre: A Cautionary Tale** by Maurice Sendak. HarperCollins.
73. **The Polar Express** by Chris Van Allsburg. Houghton.
74. **The Random House Book of Mother Goose: A Treasury Of 386 Timeless Nursery Rhymes** selected and illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Random House.
75. **Rosie's Walk** by Pat Hutchins. Simon & Schuster.
76. **Round Trip** by Ann Jonas. Greenwillow.
77. **Rumpelstiltskin** retold and illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Dutton.
78. **Seven Blind Mice** by Ed Young. Putnam.
79. **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats. Viking.
80. **Stone Soup** retold and illustrated by Marcia Brown. Simon & Schuster.
81. **The Story of Babar, The Little Elephant** by Jean de Brunhoff. Random.
82. **The Story of Ferdinand** by Munro Leaf. Illustrated by Robert Lawson. Viking.
83. **Strega Nona** by Tomie De Paola. Simon & Schuster.
84. **Swamp Angel** by Anne Isaacs. Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Dutton.
85. **Swimmy** by Leo Lionni. Knopf.
86. **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** by William Steig. Simon & Schuster.
87. **The Tale of Peter Rabbit** by Beatrix Potter. Warne.
88. **Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang. Greenwillow.
89. **There's a Nightmare in my Closet** by Mercer Mayer. Dial.

90. **The Three Billy Goats Gruff** by P.C. Asbjørnsen and J.E. Moe. Illustrated by Marcia Brown. Harcourt.
91. **The Three Robbers** by Tomi Ungerer. Atheneum.
92. **Tikki Tikki Tembo** retold by Arlene Mosel. Illustrated by Blair Lent. Holt.
93. **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** by A. Wolf as told to John Scieszka. Illustrated by Lane Smith. Viking.
94. **Tuesday** by David Wiesner. Houghton.
95. **Two of Everything: A Chinese Folktale** retold and illustrated by Lily Toy Hong. Whitman.
96. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle. Philomel.
97. **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** retold by Michael Rosen. Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. McElderry.
98. **The Wheels on the Bus** adapted and illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Dutton.
99. **When I Was Young in the Mountains** by Cynthia Rylant. Illustrated by Diane Goode. Dutton.
100. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak. HarperCollins.
101. **Where's Spot?** by Eric Hill. Putnam.
102. **Whistle for Willie** by Ezra Jack Keats. Viking.
103. **Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale** retold by Verna Aardema. Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon. Dial.
104. **Zomo the Rabbit: A Trickster Tale from West Africa** retold and illustrated by Gerald McDermott. Harcourt.

Additional Resources

- **Before the Basics: Creating Conversations with Children** by Bev Bos. Turn the Page Press.
- **Finger Rhymes** collected and illustrated by Marc Brown. Dutton.
- **The Flannel Board Storytelling Book** by Judy Sierra. H. W. Wilson.
- **Mother Goose Comes First: An Annotated Guide to the Best Books and Recordings for Your Preschool Child** by Lois Winkel and Sue Kimmel. Henry Holt.

- **Mudluscious: Stories and Activities Featuring Food for Preschool Children** by Jan Irving and Robin Currie. Libraries Unlimited.
- **Multicultural Folktales for the Feltboard and Readers' Theater** by Judy Sierra. Oryx.
- **The Read-Aloud Handbook** by Jim Trelease. Penguin Books.
- **Story Stretchers: Activities to Expand Children's Favorite Books** by Shirley C. Raines and Robert J. Canady. Gryphon House.
- **Storytelling Activities** by Norma J. Livo & Sandra A. Rietz. Libraries Unlimited.
- **Storytelling Games: Creative Activities for Language, Communication, and Composition Across the Curriculum** by Doug Lipman. Oryx.
- **Toddle on Over: Developing Infant & Toddler Literature Programs** by Robin Works Davis. Alleyside Press.